

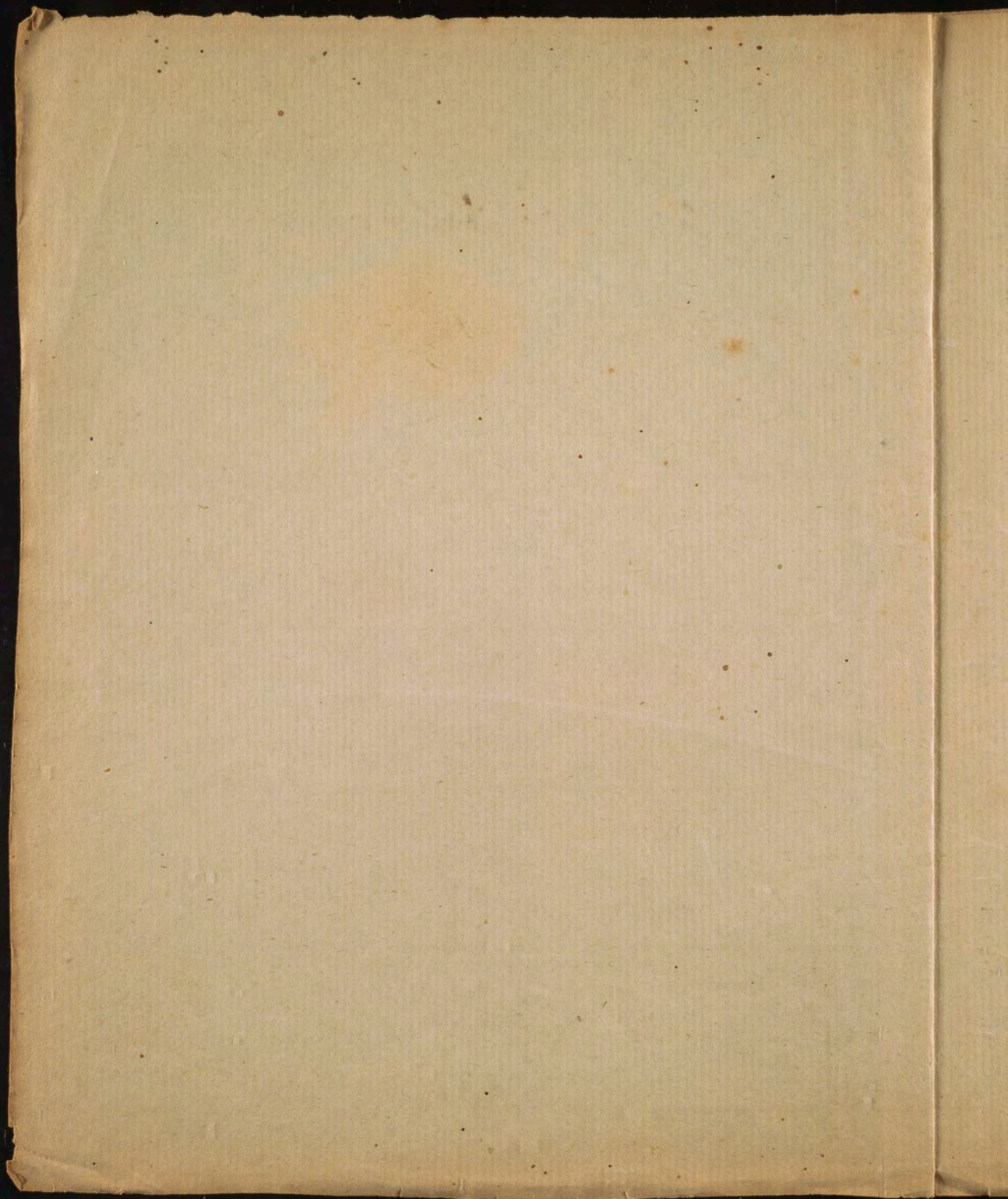
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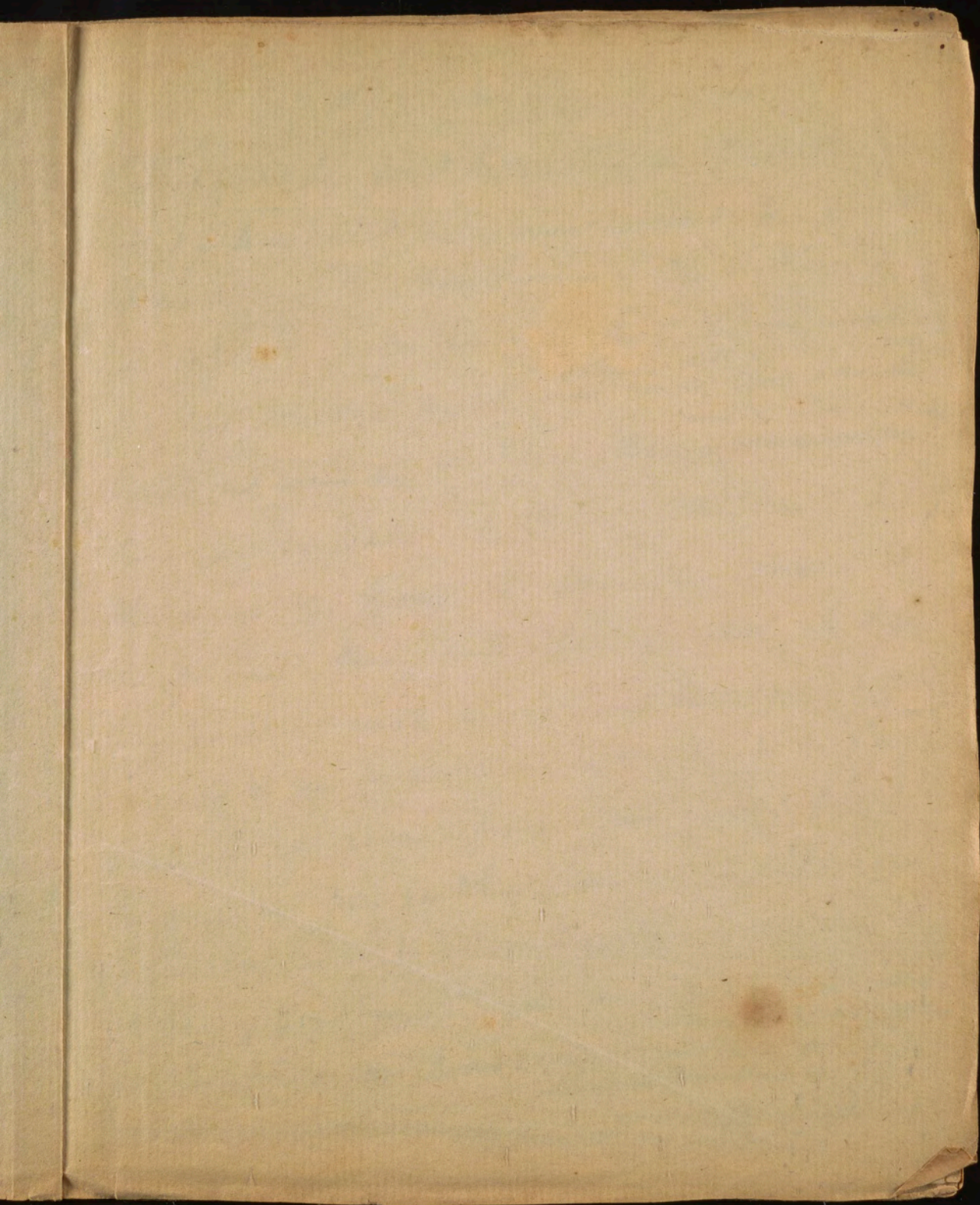
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of the Tic Dolorous.

Related to ~~the~~ Rheumatism & gout in its nature is the disease called by the French physicians "tic douloureux". Dr. Lathrup has called it "dolor faciei". But this is improper for the disease affects ^{other parts of the body} ~~not only the face~~ more commonly, ~~as well as the face~~. It is generally however is seated in the cheeks, the orbits, the eyes, the nose, the lips, the tongue & the gums. Now and then it affects the legs. The pain is very severe, and but seldom continues so for more than a minute or half a minute. It occurs from once every half hour to once in two or three hours. A slow pain generally attends its intervals. Sometimes it ceases for days, weeks and even months. A trembling, or convulsive ^{occasionally appears in} motion ~~of the~~ part affected. The pain ~~is excited by eating~~ ^{when seated in the}

✓ For an account of one of the best
histories of it that has ever been pub-
lished, I refer you to Dr Gardiner Jones's
history of his own Case in one of the
numbers of Dr Cox's medical Museum.

When seated in any part of the face is often
 excited by eating, speaking, and even moving
 any of the muscles that move the affected part
 and sometimes by noise. When the disease
 has been seated in the leg, it has been excited
 barely by a piece of paper falling upon it. It
 continues from one to six and twenty years,
 but it oftener terminates in other diseases.
 Dr. Fothergill says he it affects persons chiefly
 in the decline of life. ~~My observations do not~~
 This remark is not conformable to general
 Observation. Dr. Huxtable says he has seen
 it in persons of ~~but~~ 9, & 10 years of age. I
 have seen two cases of it ~~under~~ in persons under
 20 years of age. — V

The parts affected discover no marks of
 Disease upon being closely inspected, nor are
~~they~~ their functions in the least interrupted
 by it.

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of this cruel disease, the following facts
deserve our notice.

1 It affects gouty habits, and it is some-
times relieved by gouty pains in the feet.

2 It has been observed to prevail during the
time intermitting fevers were epidemic. This
is taken notice of by Dr Willebrand, a German
physician. Mr Andue in the 4th volume of
~~the~~ medical and physical journal tells us that
he had once met with eight cases of it in a
short time, and none for twenty, twenty
years afterwards, from which he supposed
it to depend upon some peculiarity of the
atmosphere probably disposing to intermitting
or periodical diseases. A case of it occurred
in Maryland in the year 1806 during the
prevalence of intermittents, and which
yielded to Bark and blisters.

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Why should ^{not} ⁴ intermittents ^{appear in} ^{form} ~~produce~~ this ~~pain~~
as well as ~~as~~ in the forms of head ach, tooth
ach, Ophthalmia, and all the other local diseases
which were formerly mentioned? —

From these facts it is evident it is not
a specific disease, and that it is ^{probably} ^{a form}
only of Gout, or Rheumatism, ~~and~~ ^{or} intermitting
fever. It is ^{not} peculiar to it to be induced by
two or three causes. The same thing takes
place in the production of many other
diseases. Nor is the pain of a specific nature.
We observe it in the jumping tooth ach, — in
the ear ach, and head ach, & more obvi-
ously in the Gout in flying pains thro' the
head and breast. ~~When~~ In treating upon the
six primary forms of disease you will re-
collect I called this transient form, "Aura
Dolorifica".

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greater obstinacy of disease which affect one system, than those which are diffused thro' ^{two} or three systems. The "tic douloureux" owes its peculiar obstinacy to its being insolated in the nervous system. This is evident from no ^{nor redness} motion appearing in the part affected, from which ~~disease~~ we may infer the contiguous muscles and blood vessels to be wholly free from disease. Perhaps the tooth ache owes ~~its~~ the exquisite pain, and its incurable nature to the same cause. It is seated wholly in a nerve. —

Before I proceed to mention the remedies that have been employed in this disease I shall briefly ~~mention~~ take notice that Dr. Ferri-thergill has ascribed it to a cancerous humor. — The only fact in support of this opinion is, the disease in ^{case of} ~~one~~ ~~disease~~ ended in a cancer of the tongue — a part in which cancers often take place from the numerous irrita-
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to which ~~it~~ is exposed. The opinion ~~that~~
~~therefore to reject~~ ^{is} hypothetical & should not
be admitted.

of the Remedies ~~which have~~
for this disease. Here gentlemen let
medicine put on sackcloth. After years of
study and experience, ~~little has~~ by physicians
of the first abilities, ^{no} ~~one~~ ^{per certain} has been dis-
covered for it. Blisters, Canstics - Iroea,
Bark, Guaiacum, the hot and cold bath - ice
Electricity, ^{the extraction of teeth - the perforation of the}
antrum maxillare - ^{the abstinence of a full diet &}
lastly, a salivation have all been employed
in it to ~~no purpose~~. — It has however
been ^{used and often} relieved by Art, and ^{it has} ~~now~~ ^{been} ~~then~~ ^{used}
by nature. I shall mention the means
employed by both, and afterwards make
some remarks upon them.

Opium, Hemlock, the Belladonna, the Datura
Stramonium - have all afforded some
relief in this disease.

~~Dr Hadenant says he once gave great~~

✓ in many cases, but Dr. Poirer
ascribes the failure of Lumps in ^{all} ^{being}
every case where the wound ^{is}
been made so deep, or extensive as
to divide the affected nerve. —

- 2 It has been cured by cutting or destroying by a Caustic, the nerve or nerves that lead to the diseased part. This remedy we are told has been used with success in Paris, & ^{by Dr. Physick} once by Dr. Haughton in London, but it has ^{in this city.} failed in ~~many~~ ^{one} instance.
- 3 Dr. ^{Spertlouis} ~~Justin~~ a German physician says he ^{once} knows its ~~suspension~~ as an instance of its being cured by the application of a magnet to the part affected.
- 4 Dr. Marten Keil says he gave great relief in this disease by gentle purges, blisters pedicularium - low diet - Nitre & opium.
- 5 Dr. Justin of Germany tells us he knows an instance of its being suspended for 6 weeks by grief in a lady who had lost her husband.
- 6 Dr. Caspe late of York in England tells he had a patient in whom the pain

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was always suspended by playing Whist.
He was passionately fond of this game.

7 Dr. Siebold of Germany says he once
saw a ~~the~~ cure of it performed by nature
by means of a spontaneous Abscess upon
the Shoulder. Upon the healing of this Abscess,
the disease returned, but it was again cured
by creating a discharge from the Shoulder
by means of a Caustic. Dr. Gunther of
Linnæus says he saw ~~the same good~~ a
similar cure from a wound upon the
head, but ^{which} returned when the wound was
healed. ~~but~~ ^{It} was again ~~not~~ cured by opening
the wound. —

8 It wears away by time.

From the history of these radical
of partial cures performed by art &
nature, we may ^{derive} collect the following
inferences. —

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1 That the more powerful the remedies have been, the less relief they have afforded.

2 That the more gentle the remedies have been the more relief they have given. This is evident from the effects of gentle purges, Glysters - sudorificum & low diet in the hands of Dr Hartenkeil.

3 That the principle of faith when excited into action has done good in this disease. The magnet mentioned by Dr Hartloup probably ~~used~~ did service only in this way.

4 That the exercises of the mind are useful in this disease. This is evident from the relief ~~whilst~~ ~~as~~ the suspension of the disease by grief and playing whist.

5 That counterirritations & discharges are likewise useful. This is proved by

V Thus we see the Colic in Children
cured by gently rubbing their bellies, and
several other formidable diseases cured
by the pleasure which is excited by scratch-
ing in the itch.

the Cures from the Abscess ^{on} the shoulder,
and the wound upon the head which
have been mentioned. —

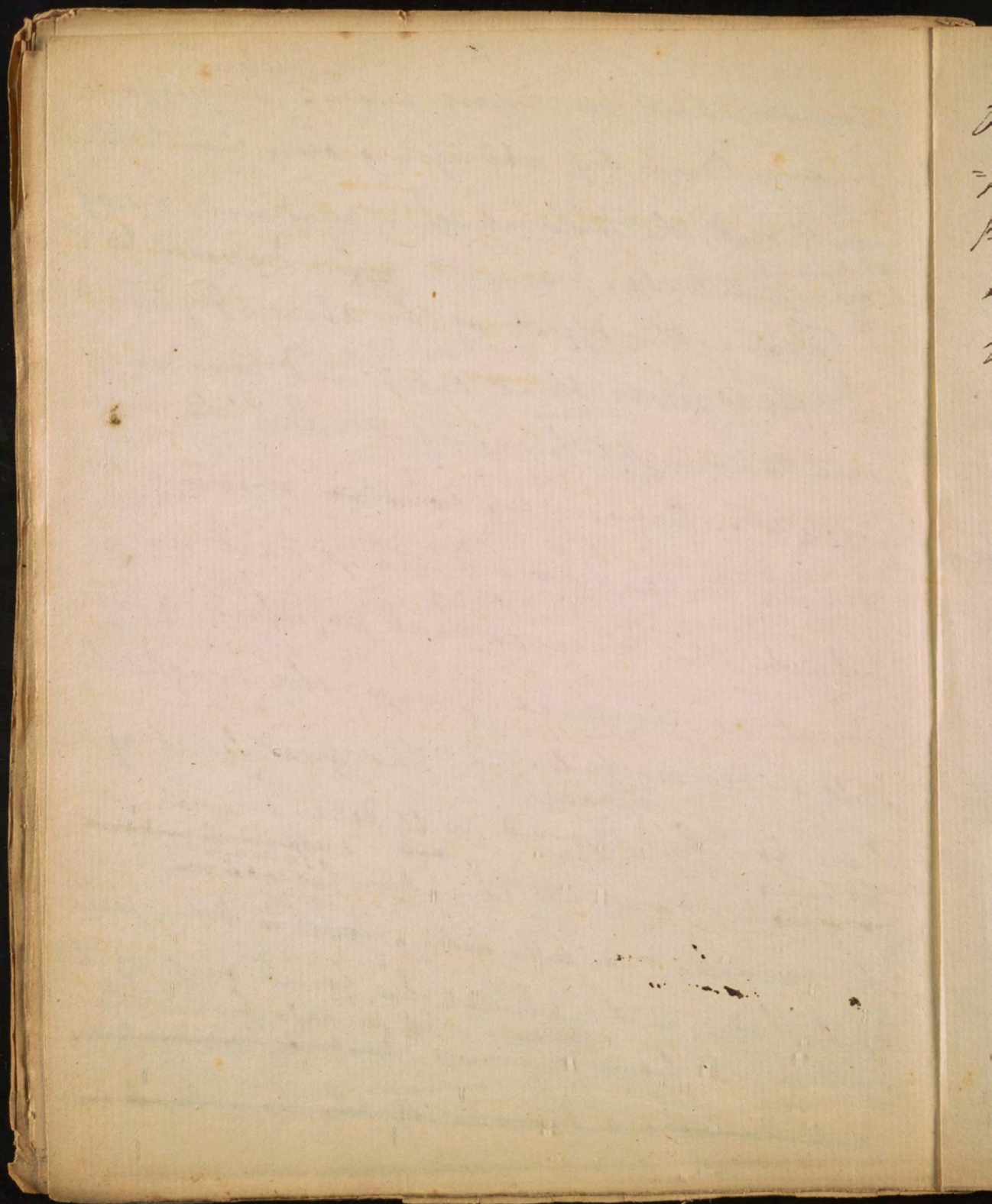
It is no new thing for great effects to
spring from little causes, and for ^{violent} ~~great~~
^{cured} diseases to be ~~performed~~ by feeble remedies. a
weak pleasurable sensation we said formerly
often predominated over more powerful
painful ones. It is still more common
to see ~~severe~~ bodily diseases cured by
the exercises of the Understanding and
passions. Let us avoid ourselves of these
facts in the history of the disease and of the
causes of the Animal Economy, and instead
of attacking it by storm, or a tedious
and expulsive siege, let us attempt
to subdue it by the more feeble means
of Chastity or gentle negotiation.
The faculties of the mind are under our

I expect benefit from the use of feeble
stimuli in this disease, from ~~its~~ ^{the} ~~loss~~
the part affected feeling, little or no pain
from a strong impression being made
upon it, and ^{yet feeling} the most exquisite pain
from the most feeble impression, even
from a piece of paper falling upon it.

I believe
 common and in most cases. We perform
 many Cures by addressing ourselves to them
 without the knowledge of ourselves, or of
 our patients. I am the more disposed to

learn the effects of the Abscess & wound,
 it would seem that artificial drains of
 matter might be useful near the parts
 affected. Perhaps by ~~excising~~ opening a
 Drain in a more distant part with
 which the diseased part possessed a ~~na-~~
 tural or acquired sympathy, might be
 still more useful. — The great secret of a

Cure for this ^{disease} ~~Depend~~ will depend upon
~~removing~~ ^{separating} it from its insular ^{as} ~~isolation~~ ^{isolation} in
 the system, and ~~attracting~~ ^{it to} ~~to it~~ other parts
 of the body, if it cannot be forced out of the
 system. I have ^{known} ~~known~~ ^{it to pass from the} ~~to~~ ^{one} ~~and in sympathy,~~
~~and been in a disease of the lungs, & in~~



force into the brain where it produced apoplexy and death, and I have heard of its passing into ~~a fatal disease~~ ^{into} the bowels in a lady in this ~~disease~~ ^{city} in whom it proved fatal. — What might not be effects of trying to fix it ~~into~~ in the feet, or of conveying it out of the system thro' that part of the body? A burn on the foot has suspended & even cured epilepsy.

Blisters to the Ancles do most service in the violent states of madness — toasting the feet as it is called, and applications of bruised garlic to them, have often cured the most distressing & obstinate tooth, and head ache. These local remedies can do no ~~harm~~ ^{harm}, and the analogies I have mentioned justify an expectation, that they may be useful. —

